

In the Claims:

Both a clean and marked-up copy of the amended claims are attached. No new claims are requested. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amended claims.

Remarks

In conjunction with the requested amendments, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following Remarks. Based upon these Amendments and Remarks, Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance and request same.

Remarks regarding the specification:

In the pending Office Action, the Examiner noted that certain sequences found in the specification were not listed in the Sequence Listing as submitted. Attached to this Amendment and Response is an updated sequence listing containing those sequences, along with the requisite diskettes and statement.

The Examiner also noted that the specification contains references to "Biacore" and objected that such references were improper in that they failed to note the proprietary nature of the trademark. Applicants have submitted a substitute specification in which all such marks are now capitalized and followed immediately by a "®" to designate that this word is a registered trademark.

Remarks regarding the §112 rejections:

The Examiner noted that certain claims may require access to mouse myeloma cell line P3x63-Ag8.653, and as such, the Examiner requested evidence that such cell line is well known and readily available to the public. Attached is a reference marked Exhibit 1 (Forster et al., Blood, V. 84, No. 3 (Aug. 1), pp 830-840; see "Materials and Methods" p. 831, col. 1) that demonstrates that this myeloma cell line was in public